

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKENDS

Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday through Saturday 7:00am

Monday - Thursday 8:00am

## CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm

Confessions also available by appointment.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of each month (with exposition) following 7:00am Mass concluding at 2:00pm with Benediction

Subsequent Tuesday of each month (without exposition) 7:30am to 2:30pm.

## PERPETUAL HELP

### DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

### ROSARY

Tuesday at 7:00pm in Church

### BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING

### CATHOLIC

Please contact the Parish Office.

# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*“We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”*

**ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
6047 BISHOPS PLACE • SAINT LOUIS, MO 63109**

**CLERGY & STAFF**

**Fr. John Mayo** Pastor  
frjohn@straphaelarchangel.org

**Msgr. Dennis Stehly** Priest-In-Residence  
dennisstehly@archstl.org

**Deacon Gerald J. Geiser** Retired Deacon

**Dr. Nancy Deacon** Music Director  
musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org

**Mrs. Diane Halbert** Parish Office Manager  
halbert@straphaelarchangel.org

**Mrs. Mickey Janos** Admin. Assistant  
janos@straphaelarchangel.org

**Mr. Robert Schlueter** Maintenance

**Mr. Howard Adams** Maintenance

**Mrs. Julie Hayes** School Principal  
hayes@straphaelarchangel.org

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secretary@straphaelarchangel.org

**Mrs. Qi Franz** Cafeteria Manager  
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**CONNECT WITH US!**

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**Instagram** straphaelarchangel  
**MyParishApp** Text 'App' to 88202

**ATTENTION, SRA ALUMNI!**

SRA is continuing to look for all alumni. Therefore, please send your name, address, and e-mail address to Jennifer Delf. The e-mail address is: alums@strapharelarchangel.org. This is a new e-mail address that will be monitored for updates or you can call the Parish Office.

**ALUMNI**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, September 3-Labor Day**

8:00am - Church Mass  
6:30pm - Cafeteria Boy Scout Meeting

**Tuesday, September 4**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
1:00pm - Parish Office Fifty Plus Club  
1:30pm - Parish Office Lectio Group  
3:15pm - Cafeteria 4th Gr. Girl Scouts  
3:15pm - Church Children's Choir  
6:30pm - Cafeteria 2nd Gr. Cub Scouts  
7:00pm - Church Rosary Recitation  
7:00pm - 6th Grade Room History Day Parent Mtg.  
7:30pm - Guardian Angel Book Study

**Wednesday, September 5**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
9:00am - Quilters' Room Quilters  
6:00pm - Cafeteria Step Class  
7:00pm - Raphael Room Prayer Class

**Thursday, September 6**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Church Mass  
7:00pm - Parish Office Stewardship Meeting  
7:00pm - Science Room 8th Gr. Parent Mtg.  
7:30pm - Cafeteria Book Club

**Friday, September 7**

7:00am - Church Mass  
5:30pm - Gym Volleyball Games

**Saturday, September 8**

7:00am - Church Mass  
8:00am - Cafeteria Step Class  
4:30pm - Church Mass  
5:30pm - Gym Volleyball Games

**Sunday, September 9**

8:00am - Church Mass  
10:00am - Church Mass  
11:00am - Church Rosary for Stephen Kaiser  
12:00pm - Gym Volleyball Games

## Fr. John's Digital Quill for Spiritual Musings and Parish News

### *Some Reflections for Labor Day*

"Sometimes it may seem to us that there is no purpose in our lives, that going day after day for years to this office or that school or factory is nothing else but waste and weariness. But it may be that God has sent us there because but for us Christ would not be there. If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile."

Caryll Houselander, *The Reed of God*

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

Bl. John Henry Newman

### *A Prayer for Labor Day*

"Creator God, thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents. Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair. Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen." (From *Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, April 1998)

*Remember that on Labor Day, we will have just one Mass at 8:00am due to the holiday.*

### *Bible Study (Lectio) Group*

We have resumed the Tuesday afternoon bible study in the form of a group that does Lectio Divina together. Do you want to come to know this form of prayer? Do you want to share your faith and come to know it better? We will see you then each Tuesday at 1:30pm, beginning in church.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

This week resumes our First Friday Adoration schedule. Please consider making some time to be with the Lord after Mass or another time before 2:00pm, when we will have Benediction.

### *Mass of Reparation*

Archbishop Carlson will be celebrating a Mass of Reparation on Friday, September 7 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica. At this Mass, there will be special prayers and an emphasis on asking forgiveness of God for the sins of the clergy. Following the Mass, there will be a Holy Hour with the opportunity to go to Confession as well.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Class Forming*

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, the St. Raphael RCIA class for 2018-19 will be forming in September. The program is designed to answer questions and provide information to people who are exploring the possibility of joining the Church. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from September through early May. A detailed calendar will be available at the first meeting on Wednesday, September 26. For more information, contact Fr. John at 314.352.8100 or Dennis Matreci at 314.681.3002.

### *50 and Beyond Campaign Update*

Thank you for your continued commitment to the 50 and Beyond Capital Campaign. This quarter, we will receive \$17,111.15. We will be using this money to pay for the work to the pews already done and begin saving towards replacing the church roof.

### *SRA Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament*

Sunday, October 7

1:00pm Tee Time Forest Park

For more information, please call

Dan Harbaugh at 314.971.3428.

### *Upcoming Events*

September 3-Labor Day Mass at 8:00am

September 7-Resume First Friday Adoration

September 8/9-Missionary Co-Op Speaker

September 9-Rosary for Stephen Kaiser -11:00am

September 16-Knights of Columbus BBQ

September 23-Fellowship (Doughnut) Sunday

September 29-4:30pm Mass for St. Raphael the Archangel;

Installation Mass for Fr. John; Parish Dinner for the Feast

Day Sponsored by the Men's Club

I will see you in Church! - Fr. John

St. Raphael the Archangel, Pray for Us #SRAstrong



## ROSARY FOR STEPHEN KAISER

Please join us on September 9 after 10:00am in praying the Rosary for Stephen Kaiser.

Stephen and Kim Kaiser were members of SRA and their 4 children attended school here. Most of you probably remember Miss Kim as she was an aide in the preschool classroom and ran our amazing summer camp program.

Stephen was recently diagnosed with a glioblastoma. He has undergone 2 surgeries already and is currently receiving chemo and radiation. This is a devastating diagnosis but we all know that miracles happen every day! Please join us in praying for a miracle.

### INTERESTED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEEPENING YOUR FAITH? NOT SURE WHERE TO START? JOIN US IN THE JUSTFAITH EXPERIENCE.

The new JustFaith program invites participants to look at contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith by engaging in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, encounter, and by building lasting relationships with a small group. This transformational journey explores how we can better care for the poor, each other and the earth. The 24-week class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-9pm beginning Tuesday, October 9.



To learn more, contact co-facilitator, Barbara Favre at 314.303-9941 or [barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbara.j.favre@sbcglobal.net). For more information, visit [justfaith.org](http://justfaith.org).

The information session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00pm in the lower level of the Parish Office. Please join us for snacks and conversation about an awesome program!



### WELCOME TO ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH FAMILY!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate item(s):**

**New Parishioner**

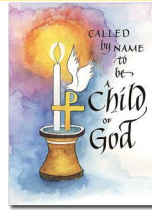
**New Phone/Email/Address**

**Please Contact Me**

**Please Do Not Publish #**







Congratulations to the newest member of the church, **Josephine Schranck**, daughter of Stephen and Jacqueline Schranck.

Josephine was baptized on August 18, 2018. May God always bless the Schranck family.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BBQ**

Sunday, September 16  
11:00am to 4:00pm  
SRA Parking Lot

# **Fundraiser for Sgt. Tom Majda**

**Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 pm to Midnight**

**St. Louis Police Officers Association Hall  
3710 Hampton Ave, St. Louis, MO 63109**

**Admission \$25 at the door includes:**

**Food & Open Bar**

**PLUS:**

**Raffles & Silent auction**

**Sgt. Majda has been diagnosed with ALS and is no longer able to serve with the St. Louis Police Dept. All proceeds from this event will go to aid in the renovation of his home to make it wheelchair accessible.**

**Please come enjoy an evening of fun, food and drink while helping Sgt. Majda & his family.**

**Contact Information:**

**For questions please contact:  
John DeSpain 314-229-8568 or Carolyn Wiener 314-303-8236**

**If you wish to donate items for the silent auction, contact Matt Madden to make arrangements for drop off or pick up by September 2nd.  
314-308-1709**

**The Majda family wishes to thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**To make a donation in lieu of attending:  
[www.gofundme.com/tommajda](http://www.gofundme.com/tommajda)**



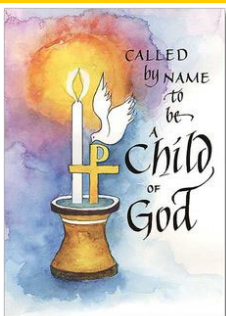
## SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each parish must have copies of individual background checks and code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years. To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org), scroll down and click on the Protecting God's Children link, then scroll down and click on View Workshops. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator, Mary Steck ([mary.a.steck@gmail.com](mailto:mary.a.steck@gmail.com)) and also located on our parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact Mary or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314.792.7272. **Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1.866.422.6872 with address changes.**

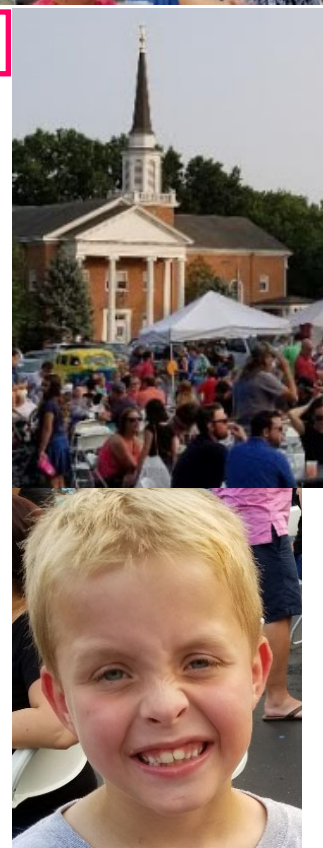


Congratulations to the newest member of the church, **James Jost, IV**, son of James and Diana Jost.

James was baptized on August 26, 2018. May God always bless the Jost family.



### 2018 WATERMELON FESTIVAL



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SRA'S 7TH GRADE BOYS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING ST. MICHAEL'S TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, 2-1 OVER IMMACOLATA!**



**SRA EXERCISE CLASS RESUMES!  
16 YEARS AND COUNTING!**

Join us for Step and Strength, a 45-minute class that consists of step aerobics interspersed with weight training and stretching. We meet twice a week, usually on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00pm and Saturday mornings 8:00 to 9:00am in the SRA cafeteria. We start on Wednesday, September 5 and continue through Memorial Day of 2019.

If you haven't tried this out yet, send me an email and I can give you more details. I remind everyone of class once a week, so I will need your email address to include you on the reminders. The cost is a \$30 donation to SRA Ladies' Club. The cost is the same whether you join now or in March of next year. Please contact Denise Howard for more information at [beppy11@gmail.com](mailto:beppy11@gmail.com). Thanks and I look forward to a new year of Step/Strength!!!!!!

**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

The Gospel today hits closer to home than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law? Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living; self-giving for the sake of others. As we give gifts to the poor through the Society, we also will find the good news of God's love.

**WEDDING BANNS II**

There is a promise of marriage between Juliette Benoist Knopp and Timothy Michael Wolf to take place at St. Raphael on Saturday, September 15, 2018.



**FIFTY PLUS CLUB**

The next Fifty Plus meeting is Tuesday, September 4 at 1:00pm in the Parish Office Raphael Room. Bring a friend and some canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All are welcome.

**ADULT CHOIR**

With a voice of singing - declare ye this, and let it be heard! Alleluia! Adult choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00pm in Church. Utter it unto the ends of the earth! Come and sing joyful praises! All are welcome.

**DeANGELIS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Rehearsals are on alternating Tuesdays beginning September 4, from 3:15-4:15pm. The choir will sing one Saturday a month at 4:30pm Mass. All children grades 3 and up are invited. There is no audition, but there is a commitment to attend rehearsals and the scheduled liturgies. Contact Dr. Nancy Deacon at [musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:musicdirector@straphaelarchangel.org) or 314.352.8100.



Our parish is proud to be hosting a very special Women's Day of Reflection offered by internationally known Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori Gibson. Her message is inspiring, her voice is astounding and her music contagious. She will speak and sing on the topic of "Keeping a Mary Spirit Throughout a Martha Day." Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us for this spiritually enriching experience on November 10 from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Space is limited so register early to save your spot. A registration form is in the bulletin. The day is being brought to you by our Women's Faith Sharing group and the St. Raphael Ladies' Club. Contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304 or sbrandtstl@gmail.com with questions. Please begin praying for blessings on all who attend.

**Women's Day of Recollection**  
**Keeping A Mary Spirit Throughout A Martha Day**

**Led By Donna Cori Gibson**

**November 10, 2018**

**8:30am - 3:00pm**

**St. Raphael the Archangel Church & Rectory**

**Sponsored by St. Raphael Women's Faith Sharing Group and Ladies' Club**

The day will begin with 8:00am Mass for those interested in attending. Check-in will take place from 8:30 - 9:00am in the lower level of the Parish Office with coffee, tea and light breakfast foods.

Throughout the day we will enjoy talks and songs by Donna Cori Gibson, opportunities for Small Group Discussion, Reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Lunch will be served. Cost to attend is \$20. No one will be turned away because of hardship. Contact Sue Brandt, 314.704.5304, sbrandtstl@gmail.com with questions. Return registration form with payment to St. Raphael Rectory, 6047 Bishops Place, 63109.

**Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the Parish You Call Home? \_\_\_\_\_

***MY SISTERS THE SAINTS BOOK STUDY***

It's almost time to gather and discuss this wonderful book. If you plan to join us on September 4, at 7:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Office, please be prepared to discuss the first chapter. Once you start reading you won't want to put it down! If you have questions, please contact Sue Brandt at 314.704.5304 or sbrandtstl@gmail.com. See you then!

## 2018 HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS

The 2018 High School Nights will be held in September and October. Eight locations will host these events that give an opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to hear three presentations from high schools in one evening. Watch for more information on the particular High School Night in your area. Complete information is posted on our website at [archstl.org/education/high-schools/high-school-nights](http://archstl.org/education/high-schools/high-school-nights). For more information, please call the Office of Catholic Education and Formation at 314.792.7390.



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## Dance...Dance...Dance at Saint Raphael

Classes are on Thursdays and begin on September 13, 2pm-2:45pm for Preschool & 3pm-4pm for K through 6th Grade Dance Tuition is \$40 per month.

Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater, & Hip Hop. Dance Director, Tina Stemmler, is Dance Master Certified with a B.A. in Dance from Webster University.

Spring Recital will be on the SRA Stage, Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the Gym.

Please contact Ms. Tina for more information at 314.680.2613.

## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED BABIES

Defenders of the Unborn

Saturday, September 8

Calvary Cemetery  
5239 W. Florissant Ave.

Front Entrance

11:15 am Burial Site Procession

For more information:

Mary Maschmeier  
314.346.9052 or  
[defenseless68@gmail.com](mailto:defenseless68@gmail.com)



Saint Louis  
LIFETEEN

**COME ONE  
COME ALL**

ATTENTION, ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Join us this Wednesday, September 5, from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg for a night of prayer and praise. You are always welcome for prayer & community. See [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We extend a very special welcome to our friends and visitors who have come to pray with us today. Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we are happy to have you here. We trust that our worship will be encouraging to all and hope that you find a warm, welcoming community here at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Please call us at the Parish Office, 314.352.8100, if we can be of help to you or if you would like to become a member of our parish.

## A Prayer before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (*here name them*). Amen.